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A distribution, with the above heading, was issued on 7 March 1951. In  
part (a) of paragraph 2 of this distribution, the 36 Regiment was erroneously  
reported as the 36 Battalion of the 102 Regiment. The sentence should be  
changed to read:

"The first phase of the offensive will include feints at Dong Trieu,  
Phai Lai (sic) and Loncay by the 98 Regiment and at Vinh Yen and Phuc  
Yen by the 36 Regiment and the 54 Battalion of the 102 Regiment."

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1. In mid-February 1951, Vo Nguyen Giap held a staff conference attended by important Viet Minh can-bo, Chinese Communist and European military advisers, and the following high-ranking Viet Minh Army officers:

Cao Van Khanh, deputy commander of the 303 Brigade\*  
Dang Van Viet, commander of the 174 Brigade\*\*  
Nguyen Trong, representative of the 312 Brigade\*  
Hoang Dien, deputy commander of the 304 Brigade\*\*

2. It was decided at this meeting that between 15 and 20 March 1951, the 174, 304, 303 and 312 Brigades of the Viet Minh Army will launch a large-scale offensive in the Hanoi area. The offensive will be carried out in two phases:

- a) The first phase of the offensive will include feints at Dong Trieu, Phai Lai (sic) and Moncay by the 90 Regiment and at Vinh Yen and Phuc Yen by the 36 and 54 battalions of the 102 Regiment.\*
- b) Hadong and Sontay will be the primary targets of the second phase of the offensive. The 303 and 312 Brigades will attack from Viet Tri and Phu Tho; the 304 Brigade will attack from the Hoa Binh area. A secondary front will be maintained in the Phu Lang Thuong sector by the 174 Brigade.

3. On 15 February 1951, the headquarters of the Viet Minh military intelligence bureau dispatched agents to the Hadong-Sontay area to work with the intelligence bureau of Intersector III. Among those sent were Dzu Cao\*\* and Quoc Trung.

4. The Chief of Staff of the Viet Minh Army under Vo Nguyen Giap is Hoang Van Thai. Cao Pha is head of the military intelligence bureau.

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- a) On 22 February 1951, the 308 Brigade was moving eastward to Thai Nguyen; this brigade took part in the mid-January Viet Minh attacks on Vinh Yen and Phuc Yen.
  - b) The 174 Brigade is believed to refer to the 174 Regiment, last reported in Langson as part of the 316 Brigade.
  - c) The 312 Brigade took part in the mid-January attacks on Vinh Yen and Phuc Yen.
  - d) The 304 Brigade was in southeast Tuyen Quang as of 13 February 1951.
  - e) The 98 Regiment, a unit of the 316 Brigade, was in Lucnam as of 13 February 1951.
  - f) The 102 Regiment, a unit of the 308 Brigade, was in Thai Nguyen in early February. Battalions of this regiment have been reported as the 18, 54, 79 and 69.

\*\*  Comment. According to available information, Captain Dzu Cao is head of a bureau of the Military Affairs Division of the Chief of Staff.

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